QUERIES & ANSWERS.

OPENINGS OF MINERAL PAINTS

cademy-Matters of Grammar, &c.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: When have you seen Brown? When did you see Brown? Which of the above is The latter.

Impounding of Milch Cows. Please let me know if there is not a general law which prohibits the confining of a mileh cow in a pound. R. W. A.

of a milch cow in a pound. There is none that we can find. "So the Bill Is Passed."

BLUEFIELD, W. VA.

to the Editor of the Dispatch: After the vote had been taken on th Blard bill the Speaker announced—"So the bill is passed." Is the expression gram matically correct? Yours truly SUBSCRIBER.

To Measure a Plank. ALLANTHUS, VA. To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Please let me know the number of feet in a plank 12 feet long, 41-2 inches square at one end, and 21-2 inches square at the READER.

Answer! Twelve and one fourth feet | strangely." board measure.

A Grammatical Point. To the Editor of the Dispatch: Which is proper: I ate three biscuits

or three biscuit? "I ate three biscuits" is correct. "Bis meanings. In one of its significations it is used always in the singular form,

As to Bourdillon. To the Editor of the Dispatch: Kindly tell the readers of your paper what you know of F. W. Bourdilon, author of two stories, entitled, "Light," the first line of the first being "The

night has a thousand eyes." A READER. We shall have to ask some reader of ours to answer this

George Muller.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Is George Muller, the author of "A Life of Christ," living and carrying on his good work in Bristol, England, of caring for several hundreds of children by faith? If he is dead, is the work still going on? "INFORMATION." We do not know, but perhaps some of our readers do and can inform us.

> Meaning of "Toastmaster." MASSANETTA SPRINGS, VA.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Please give me the meaning of "toast-master," and to whom it is applied, if any particular person or persons.

DEMOCRAT.

at a public dinner or banquet and an

"Commodore Holly" or "Holland." To the Editor of the Dispatch: nected with the Confederate navy. If so what finally became of him?

The Confederate naval register show the name of Assistant-Engineer G. N. Hollins and Captain George N. Hollins but not the name of Helly.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Please be kind enough to inform m if there is an arrangement in effect have the time of the day communicated from Washington by electricity, and at what hour of the day. S. S.

The Western Union Telegraph Company get the Washington time, by wire, daily at noon. They rent out self-winding clocks, which are set every hour by a master clock in their office. The latter is regulated by Washington time.

Sample Merchants. HARTWOOD, VA.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Do the laws of Virginia require at gent drumming doctors to have licenses what is the cost of such license, and at what place can a person obtain it?

That section of the revenue laws imposing a license tax on "sample mer chants," or "drummers," was omitted in the tax bill of 1890, hence no license i w required of "sample merchants,"

To Harden Soap. RICHMOND, VA.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: What can be used to harden soap, cor ed of the following ingredients: 7 1-4 nds sal. soda; 1% ounces borax; % bar soap, 4% gallons soft water?
A CONSTANT READER.

When the components have become the roughly combined add enough salt to make a strong brine. This will cause the to separate. Collect it and press remove adhering water,

Marie Corelli. To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Will you kindly give me a little enlightenment on table etiquette? Is it proper to place the knife and fork at the
right or left side of a person's plate in

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right or left side of a person's plate in "setting" the table for a meal?

EPICURE.

The krife and fork should either be placed together on the right of the plate, or separated, the knife on the right, the fork on the left, which is always done at dinners where there are several courses.

The krife and fork both should never be placed on the left of the plate—that arrangement being both awkward and inconvenient.

Floodless Rivers.

GREENWOOD, VA.

"All candidates for admission into the academy shall be examined according to such regulations and at such stated times as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe. Candidates rejected at such examination shall not have the privilege of another examination for admission to the same class unless recommended by the Board of Examiners."

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To the Editor of the Dispatch: Is not the St. Lawrence known as "the only absolutely floodicas river in the world?" If I am right in this, please give me the scientific reason for it.

The St. Lawrence is intimately con-nected with several great lakes. These

nected with several great lakes. These serve as a capacious reservoir for receiving any surplus of water which might otherwise cause a flood. Some other rivers have their tendency to everflow counteracted he a similar way, but none to the same extent.

Definition of "Tote."

WALKERTON, VA., March 7, 1894.
The the Editor of the Dispatch:

In your Sunday issue of February Eth your fefer to a discussion on the origin of the word "tote," and give instances of its use where the meaning differs materially from that in Virginia. Lorenza Dow sails of going to a camp of negroes who was toding tobacco to market, and then you called the lends of which are fastened to the lends of the lends of the lends of the lends of

Professor Gessner Harrison, in a lecture to his Latin class at the University of Virginia, referred to tote as one of the most classic words in the English language. He said it had the same root as "tul" in the Latin verb fero, ferre, tull, latum (fold Gess was great on roots), and had much the same meaning, and that there was no word in the English language which would substitute it; that bear came nearest to it, but did not have quite the same meaning. That to tote meant always to bear, but to best did not always mean to tote, for two men could bear another in a litter, but to be toted one must be carried bodily on an other's head, or shoulders, or back, or in the arms.

A Rule Formulated. To the Editor of the Dispatch:

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A few weeks ago I noticed in your paper a discussion regarding the use of the adjective or adverb after certain verbs. It seems to me that the best rule I have seen on the subject is the following from seen on the subject is the following from samples of mineral paints, both in their samples of mineral paints, both in their netural and manufactured condition.

out the following example?

A. B. and C made a crop of tobacco
and sold it for \$50. A was to get a third,
B a fourth, and C a fifth. What portion

1 20 15 12 47

or proportional to 20, 15 and 12, and 60 A will get $\frac{24}{4} \times 60 = 25.53 B will get - × 60 = \$19.15

Was the Earth Ejected from the Sun?

the sum being \$60.00.

C will get $\frac{12}{47} \times 69 = \15.32

The theory that the earth and the The theory that the earth and the other planets have been ejected from the The United States Geological Survey

and will account for most of the facts referred to by our correspondent,

Admission to the Naval Academy. WILLIAMSBURG, VA

To the Editor of the Dispatch: To the Editor of the Dispatch.

Please state how often cadets are appointed to Annapolis to the Naval Academy; age and qualifications.

A READER.

From "Regulations Governing the Admission of Candidates Into the United States Naval Academy as Naval Cadets": "There shall be allowed at said academy one naval cadet for every member or delegate of the House of Representatives, one for the District of Columbia, and ten at large."

at large."

"The course of naval cadets is six years—four years at the Naval Academy and two years at sea—at the expiration of which time the cadet returns to the academy for final graduation, and the district then becomes vacant."

"The Secretary of the Navy shall, as soon after the 5th of March in each year as possible, notify in writing yach member and delegate of the House of Representatives of any yacancy that may exist in

Marie Corelli.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Where was Miss Marie Corelli born, and where educated? What is her nationality? Where is her present home? Has her biography ever been written? If so, by whom?

C. A. S.

Our impression is that Marie Corelli is an English woman. We know of no biography of her, but not so very long so she wrote for the London Idler (monthly magazine) an account of how she wrote her first book. The Idler is republished in this country by the International News Company, of New York.

The Knife and Fork.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

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Openings of Mineral Paint.
FREEMANS, W. VA.
To the Editor of the Dispatch:

To the Editor of the Dispersion of Please inform me where there are openings of mineral paint in its first and natural state—as for instance, a bank of CEPES. STAUNTON, VA., March 1, 1894. To the Editor of the Dispatch:

From C. D. Tinsley, of Petersburg; from the Virginia World's Fair managers, locality not given, and from B. J. Carter, of Middleburg, Loudouw county. In West Virginia's great exhibit of her mineral resources at Chicago, one of the most creditable there, there were shown and Jefferson counties; red from G. W. yellow, from W. H. Boggs, Franklin, Pendleton courty; yellow from Hardy and Jefferson counties; red from G. W. Keyser, Parsons; yellow from Hardy and Jefferson counties, exhibited by West Vir-

with that which has been so successfully begun with our coal and iron-ores.

Othre beds, or deposits of one kind or another, always accompany, in varying quantities and qualities, all deposits of iron-ore, and since iron-ore beds of one kind or another are found in nearly every portion of the Virginias, it foilows that ochres are more or less abundant in many localities in these States; but many of these are comparatively valueless, because they do not furnish the shades of colors that are most in demand.

demand.

As before stated, a considerable quantity of excellent yellow ochre (the light, or lemon-yellow being the most valued) has been mined near Bermuda Hundred, in Chesterfield county, probably from proximity to the iron-ore beds of Virginia's first iron-works. Fine red ochres, uppers and stepnes result from reasting umbers, and stennes result from roasting the pyrites from the celebrated Arminius and adjacent mines near Mineral City, in Louisa county, and when the ores of these and other mines in Virginia's great

Was the Earth Ejected from the Sun?

WYTHEVILLE, VA.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Has the hypothesis that the earth and all its planetary system are composed of matter once embraced in the body of the sun and ejected from it at different periods of time, and ultimately assuming their present form and consistency, ever been elaborated into a theory, and held as such by scientists?

It would seem from many considerations that the above hypothesis is correct.

1. By solar spectrum analysis, the chemical constituents of the earth and the sun being jdentical, so far as is known.

2. The revolutions of the earth and the sun being jdentical, so far as is known.

2. The revolutions of the earth on its axis being so nearly like the revolution of the sun, and the power of the sun over the carth and all her sister planets, and their chemical constituents being about the same as the earth and sun.

3. The obliquity of the earth's poles with the great plane of the heavens.

4. Those terrific eruptions or explosions observed in the body of the sun indicate that such forces may at immeasurably long periods of time, have thrown out to the different distances the several planets or the matter of which they are composed; first in a vaporous mass, which finally condensing and cooling reached first in a vaporous mass, which finally condensing and cooling reached first in a vaporous mass, which finally condensing and cooling reached first in a vaporous mass, which finally condensing and cooling reached first in a vaporous mass, which finally condensing and cooling reached first in a vaporous mass, which finally condensing and cooling reached first in a vaporous mass, which finally condensing and cooling reached first in a vaporous mass, which finally condensing and cooling reached first in a vaporous mass, which finally condensing and cooling reached first in a vaporous mass, which finally condensing and cooling

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other planets have been ejected from the sun by something like volcanic action, is not accepted, and has little, if any, probability.

The somewhat similar theory known as the Nebular Hypothesis, that the matter now composing the earth was once a part of the sun, but was thrown off by sun cooled and the sun cooled a

centrifugal force as the sun cooled and contracted, is very generally accepted, united States in 1892 was 14,365 short tons, valued at \$193,074. So Virginia, which was only preceded by Pennsylvania in this industry furnished nearly one tenth of the entire product of this country, and received about one eighth of the valua-tion, showing by the latter that its ochres are of high grade.

JED. HOTCHKISS.

Destruction of Willows.

WILM NGTON, VA.
To the Editor of the Dispatch: Seeing in your paper a query as to the proper time to cut willows, I am induced to say to any who are interested in their destruction that a sure way to accomplish it is this: Cut through the bark complish it is this: Cut through the bark (be careful not to cut the wood), about three feet from the ground, and strip the bark fully to the ground, but do not separate it at the lower end from the tree. If this is done between the 15th of May and the lat of July the leaves will begin to fade in September, and the tree will die, root and pranch, before next spring.

Notice to Correspondents. No notice will be taken of anonymou ommunications.

Nor will any attention be given to long 'strings" of questions. Many queries are not answered because similar ones have been recently answered. We cannot undertake to ascertain the value of old coins. For that information write to some dealer in them. We cannot undertake to answer queries by mail; we can only answer them through this column.

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